

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) [[A]] In a motorized watercraft [[with]] having a hull of the craft~~[[,]]~~ on which ~~[[the]]~~ an user lies prone or stands, with a flow channel extending in the hull of the craft with a motor-driven water screw, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ an electric motor and ~~[[the]]~~ batteries~~[[,]]~~ as well as ~~[[the]]~~ a control device for the electric motor are housed in the hull of the craft, the improvement comprising:

[[characterized in that]]

the water screw (2), the electric motor (1, 3) and the control device (4) [[are designed as]] forming an underwater drive unit and ~~[[are]]~~ placed in the flow channel (8), and

the batteries (5, 6) for the electric motor ~~[[(3, 4) are]]~~ (1, 3) placed into a separate housing (9)~~[[,]]~~ which is exchangeably installed in the hull (10) of the craft [[so that it can be exchanged]].

2. (Currently Amended) [[The]] In the motorized watercraft in accordance with claim 1, wherein

[[characterized in that]]

the hull (10) of the craft has one of a surface for prone use ~~[[or]]~~ and a platform for the user above the flow channel (8).

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3. (Currently Amended) [[The]] In the motorized watercraft in accordance with claim [[1 or]] 2, wherein

[[characterized in that]]

the flow channel (8) is formed in one piece with the hull (10) of the craft.

4. (Currently Amended) [[The]] In the motorized watercraft in accordance with claim [[one of claims 1 to]] 3, wherein

[[characterized in that]]

the flow channel (8) starts with an inflow opening (11) [[in the area of the]] near a bow of the hull (10) of the craft and terminates in an outflow opening (12) [[in the area of the]] near a stern of the hull (10) of the craft, and

the underwater drive unit is installed in the flow channel (8) as a suction device.

5. (Currently Amended) [[The]] In the motorized watercraft in accordance with claim [[one of claims 1 to]] 4, wherein

[[characterized in that]]

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the housing (9) with the batteries (5, 6) is inserted into a recess (13) formed in ~~[[the]]~~ an underside of the hull (10) of the craft, which is arranged outside of the flow channel ~~[[(10)]]~~ (8) and the inflow opening (11) ~~[[in the area of]]~~ near the bow of the hull (10) of the craft.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ In the motorized watercraft in accordance with claim ~~[[one of claims 1 to]]~~ 5, wherein

~~[[characterized in that]]~~

a remote control device is assigned to the underwater drive unit, which is releasably attached to the hull (10) of the craft and ~~[[can be]]~~ is brought into operative contact with the control device (4) of the underwater unit over a wireless transmission path.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ In the motorized watercraft in accordance with claim ~~[[one of claims 1 to]]~~ 6, wherein

~~[[characterized in that]]~~

the hull (10) of the craft has one of a plate~~[[,]]~~ and a flap ~~[[or the like,]]~~ which can be opened, in the flow channel below the underwater drive unit, ~~[[through which]]~~ providing access to the underwater unit ~~[[is provided]]~~.

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8. (New) In the motorized watercraft in accordance with claim 1, wherein the flow channel (8) is formed in one piece with the hull (10) of the craft.

9. (New) In the motorized watercraft in accordance with claim 1, wherein the flow channel (8) starts with an inflow opening (11) near a bow of the hull (10) of the craft and terminates in an outflow opening (12) near a stern of the hull (10) of the craft, and the underwater drive unit is installed in the flow channel (8) as a suction device.

10. (New) In the motorized watercraft in accordance with claim 1 wherein the housing (9) with the batteries (5, 6) is inserted into a recess (13) formed in an underside of the hull (10) of the craft, which is arranged outside of the flow channel (8) and the inflow opening (11) near a bow of the hull (10) of the craft.

11. (New) In the motorized watercraft in accordance with claim 1 wherein a remote control device is assigned to the underwater drive unit, which is releasably attached to the hull (10) of the craft and is brought into operative contact with the control device (4) of the underwater unit over a wireless transmission path.

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12. (New) In the motorized watercraft in accordance with claim 1 wherein the hull (10) of the craft has one of a plate and a flap which can be opened, in the flow channel below the underwater drive unit, providing access to the underwater unit.